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Title: SNACK PIECE DESIGN HAVING INCREASED PACKED DENSITY

## **DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131**

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Dear Sir:

- I, Stephen Paul Zimmerman, hereby declare the following:
- 1. THAT, I am a co-inventor of Claims 1-4, 6-14, 16-25 and 27-35 of the aboveidentified patent application;
- 2. THAT, prior to September, 1999, we completed the invention as described and claimed in the subject application in this country, a NAFTA country, or a WTO country, as evidenced by the following:
  - a.) Page 7 of the scientific notebook (Exhibit A) shows the triangular shape of the snack pieces;
  - b.) The curved-concave nature of the snack piece is shown in Exhibit B; and
  - c.) Specifics about the stacking of the snack pieces are shown in Exhibit C.

I, Stephen Paul Zimmerman, declare that all statements made herein are true to the best of my knowledge, or if made upon information and belief, are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Date: April 24, 2003

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